

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-38 (Cancelled).

1    39. (Currently Amended) A modular flooring unit of a discrete size and weight that can  
2    be lifted by a human, the flooring unit comprising:

3           (a) a planar matrix formed from a matrix material;

4           (b) ~~a layer of reinforcing fibers~~reinforcing fiber layer, said reinforcing fibers  
5           being embedded in the matrix material for reinforcing the matrix; and

6           (c) a particulate layer that is mounted to a major surface of the layer of reinforcing  
7           fibers and is at least two particulate particles thick, wherein the matrix material  
8           surrounds at least some of the particulate particles for mounting the particulate  
9           layer to the ~~layer of reinforcing fibers~~reinforcing fiber layer.

1    40. (Previously Presented) The flooring unit in accordance with claim 39, wherein the  
2    particulate layer mounted to the matrix forms the traffic-bearing surface of the flooring  
3    unit.

Claims 41-42 (Cancelled).